

SANTA FE ROAD TURNED DOWN BY COUNCIL

Action of Utilities Body May Force Road to Long Beach

As predicted in the columns of this paper last week the Utilities Committee of the Los Angeles city council recommended at their meeting with the city council Monday that "the present application of the Santa Fe railroad for authority to extend its lines to Los Angeles harbor be denied, but that the Santa Fe Railway Company be notified that if it will make some reasonable and definite contract with the city to bring about a separation of the objectionable grade crossings when the volume of traffic requires it—and to do this at its own expense—instead of expecting the city to share the same—that the franchise application will be approved.

The report was made only after most persistent prodding by Councilman Mallard, who at Monday's session of the Council offered a motion that the entire matter be taken from the committee. Upon the presentation of this motion, Councilman Sanborn, chairman of the Utilities Committee, said that the report would be forthcoming at once, and Councilmen Sanborn, Sparks and Conaway, the members of the committee, held a hurried meeting Monday noon and prepared the report which was read at the Tuesday morning session of the Council.

Forewarned of the important meeting Tuesday, Secretary H. D. Pottinger was on hand to get first hand information and dip in the Torrance oar if necessary. Following the grading of the report the city council decided to hold still another meeting Thursday at which time arguments for and against the report were heard.

Prominent Los Angeles attorneys have repeatedly stated that for the city to attempt to force the Santa Fe to pay for the entire cost of separation of grades on Slauson avenue, the cost of which the committees estimated at \$2,500,000 over and above the \$1,600,000 which the extension itself will cost the road, was unprecedented, and they expressed doubt that such an agreement, even if the railroad would submit to thus being "held up," would stand. Under the laws of California, the State Railroad Commission has complete control over grade crossing separations and has the power, which it has always exercised, of hearing all of the facts and then issuing an order for the separation of grades and dividing the cost between the city and the railroad on a basis of benefits received.

It is understood the Santa Fe has offered at all times to act under the law, and if in the future the grade-crossing hazard along Slauson avenue should increase the elimination of grade crossings would not be opposed by the road, which would accept the orders of the commission and its division of the cost of the separation.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The women who meet each Friday afternoon at Tulip and Bauman's Plumbing Shop feel that they get a blessing from the study of God's word. They invite any who are interested to join them this week as they go into the Dispensation of Human Government. "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17.

I. O. O. F.

Triple City Lodge, No. 333, I. O. O. F., will hold a social in Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, October 31. The event of the evening will be the burning of the mortgage on the Odd Fellows' lot on West Weston street.

A live meeting is looked forward to, when the evening of November 23, a district meeting will be held at the Long Beach Lodge, No. 390, under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master Ernest W. Brumpton. All lodges in the District are to take part in this meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sipperelle, of 25th wedding anniversary one evening last week. The host and hostess received many beautiful gifts. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelsey, of Ocean Park; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Thistle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eads, and Wendell Sipperelle of Lomita, and Messrs. James and Zeke Sipperelle, of Los Angeles.

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LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

\$15,000 FOR NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING

Old Store To Be Moved And Contractors Start Work on Monday

The largest contract ever let by any one business man in Lomita was signed yesterday between Chas. M. Smith and Aitkenhead & Bischke, contractors and builders. The specifications call for a \$15,000 brick building to be erected on the corner where the postoffice now stands, and will accommodate six stores, besides one of the finest service stations in the Harbor district.

The reputation of Aitkenhead & Bischke, building contractors, in Lomita, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Gardena, and San Pedro is so well established that when one learns that their names are affixed to a building contract, speed and first-class workmanship are assured.

George Aitkenhead advised this newspaper last evening of the new addition to Lomita's business life, and said that this new structure would be one of the handsomest buildings in this section.

The front will be lined with plate glass windows, encased with hardwood finishings, in keeping with all the other modern furnishings throughout. Ruffled pressed brick, perhaps tan in color, will be used as trimmings in the front, adding a striking appearance to this modern business block.

Store rooms will face on Narbonne and Weston streets, with a half circle filling station around. The accessory department and postoffice will each have their own rooms, and so arranged that patrons may be accommodated with little effort.

The contractors assured the News Letter that the building would be completed within sixty days, as they start work Monday morning, provided the movers get their part of the work done by that time. This is necessary, said Mr. Aitkenhead, as the firm is to build a \$9000 residence for Frank DiCello of the National Bakery of San Pedro, also an \$8000 residence for Roy H. Beaton, secretary of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, and two other smaller residences and bungalows.

Both these contractors are well known here. Mr. Bischke is a resident of Lomita, and his ability, honesty and integrity as a carpenter is of the highest. For years he has been engaged in construction of bungalows and cottages, besides business blocks in this vicinity. Mr. Aitkenhead was formerly a resident of Lomita, but now is living in San Pedro, where his many interests require his constant attention.

Chas. M. Smith, proprietor and owner of the new building, is to be congratulated for the part he is taking in the advancement and promotion of the business life here. More store rooms means more business and added bank accounts, with an increase in our residences, as well as increased sales for the different trades and wares in town.

Auto Shipments

Shipments of automobiles from Detroit in August broke all records. Up to the end of August 55,045 carloads of autos had been loaded for shipment from Detroit stations of the Michigan Central Railway, according to figures issued this week by E. D. Bronner, vice-president.

During the first eight months of 1921 shipments reached a total of only 25,724 carloads. August this year was the high month of 1922, with loadings of 8,557 carloads. During each of the preceding seven months more than 7000 carloads were shipped. The local record was also equaled by the entire Nation's figures, according to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce of New York, which reports that a total of 272,640 cars and trucks were manufactured by all the companies in the industry during August. The increase over August last year is 53 per cent. This is by far the heaviest August output on record and is a close second to record production for any one month (289,120) established last June.

Governor Behind "Boost Week"

In a communication received today by H. D. Pottinger, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Gov. William D. Stephens heartily endorses the idea of civic-commercial week as suggested recently by the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

The governor's statement follows: "The suggestion has been made and heartily concurred in by civic and commercial organizations throughout California that the week of November 6th be designated 'Civic-Commercial Week,' the object being to strengthen and stimulate the organization and activity of these public promotion bodies.

"As the governor of California I gladly subscribe to such a movement. The progressive leadership and admirable efforts of civic-commercial organizations have been a highly important factor in the growth and development of California.

"At the present time, with great national advertising campaigns under way in the interest of all California, it is extremely important that all civic and commercial organizations be given the whole-hearted support which will enable them to function at their maximum efficiency.

"The advertising campaigns will attract the prospective settler, but the actual placing of the newcomer is a part of the work of our civic-commercial organizations which are, indeed, the 'sales departments' of their respective localities.

"To create opportunities; to place the thousands of new residents where they will find happiness and prosperity; to impress them with our sincerity in welcoming them to our cities and to our agricultural sections—these are duties that the advertising campaigns will automatically assign to Chambers of Commerce and similar organizations.

"In subscribing to the commendable objects of 'Civic Commercial Organization Week' it is my hope that the forces which have been so potent in the progress of California will be greatly augmented both in personnel and personal interest during the six days beginning November 6th."

ENDORSEMENTS

Believing it might assist the voters residing in this part of Los Angeles county to more carefully canvass the ballot at the November election, especially in the selection of candidates for judges in the Superior Court, as to qualifications and fitness, we present to our readers the information that the whole Los Angeles County Bar, the members of which reside in every city, town, and village throughout the county, not so very long ago took a ballot for the purpose of determining which of the many candidates it would endorse.

The object of conducting this plebiscite with its membership, was to get before the public the names of candidates which a majority of the entire personnel of the Los Angeles County Bar considered best qualified for judicial honors. Few voters, who are not lawyers, are reliably informed concerning the qualifications of candidates for these highly important offices, so it was a task of duty the bar believed they owed the public to conduct the plebiscite and inform the layman voter of the results of this plebiscite held July 29th, last.

The six candidates receiving the endorsement of the lawyers were the incumbents: Judges Victor R. McLucas, Edwin F. Hahn, Thomas O. Toland, John Perry Wood, J. W. Summerfield, and Bertin A. Weyl, whose votes ranged from 1138 to 805. The voters throughout the county at the August primaries virtually elected Judge J. W. Summerfield and John Perry Wood. Judge Bertin A. Weyl no longer is a candidate, so his name will not appear on the official ballot November 7.

The vote for all candidates was as follows: Victor R. McLucas, 1138; Edwin F. Hahn, 1095; Thomas O. Toland, 1014; John Perry Wood, 919; J. W. Summerfield, 873; Bertin A. Weyl, 805; Ruben S. Schmidt, 643; Ira F. Thompson, 397; William C. Doran, 328; Elliot Craig, 315; William J. O'Brien, 163; Lewis M. Powell, 155; and William T. Kendrick, Jr., 120.

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